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Importation of goods requires application to obtain import permits. For customs purposes, large-lot valuations are to be based on local market prices, but small lots may be valued at Hong Kong prices. All goods must be stored in warehouses and customs duties paid before they can be removed for sale.

T'IENTSING BUSINESS EXPANDS -- Wen-hui Pao, 3 Dec 49

According to data from the Bureau of Industry and Commerce of T'ien-ching, many firms which were facing foreclosure at the time of liberation have resumed operations. Some 3,872 new firms have been granted business permits.

COLLECTS PUBLIC GRAIN IN HONAN, HUPEH, HUNAN -- Wen-hui Pao, 1 Dec 49

Han-k'ou, 29 November (NCNA) -- The work of collecting public grain in the provinces of Honan, Hupeh, and Hunan is going forward simultaneously with the antibandit campaign.

The best method of gathering the grain is to obtain the cooperation of the local organizations of People's delegates. In some areas the people have organized public-grain transport groups to speed up the collection. Many granaries are being built for the safe storage of the collected grain.

Various evil landlords and special agents are still conspiring to interfere with the collection program, and they must be destroyed.

KUANG-CHOW SEEKS BIG LOAN -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 15 Dec 49

Kuang-chow, 5 December -- Among other matters presented at a meeting of 600 representatives of Kuang-chow's merchants in early December, Chu Kuang (Ueda: 4717, 567), Deputy Mayor of the Kuang-chow Municipal government, requested a war loan of 15 billion yuan People's currency from the merchants. The representatives present indicated hearty approval and agreed to apportion the amount among themselves and turn in the money between 7 and 13 December.

In his request, the deputy mayor stressed the point that the authorities desired the loan to be so apportioned that no firm would be required to assume responsibility for more than one million yuan. Money exchangers and jewelers were expected to participate but other enterprises are to be called upon to share responsibility on the basis of their financial conditions. Firms not belonging to the 131 mercantile associations in the city were also required to contribute.

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